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TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 31, 1975

FROM : Harold R. Tyler, Jr.
Deputy Attorney General

SUBJECT: New York Times Article, October 30, 1975, (page 34)
Assassination of President John F. Kennedy

On the morning of October 30th, I received a telephone call from Nicholas Katzenbach. Mr. Katzenbach was concerned about the article by John Crewdson in the Times concerning taps and/or bugs of the home or apartment of Marina Oswald. Specifically, according to the Crewdson article, the FBI is said to have made a statement that it had conducted "an electronic surveillance" of Mrs. Oswald's residence for a period in February and March, 1964 "based upon written approval of the Attorney General of the United States."

According to Katzenbach, this article may be erroneous and unfair, both to the FBI and former Attorney General Robert Kennedy. Further, according to Katzenbach, he recalls that the tap was placed on Mrs. Oswald's residence pursuant to a request from Chief Justice Earl Warren. Katzenbach is of the opinion that Mr. Kennedy did not attach the letter which he received from the Chief Justice in order to protect the privacy or reputation of the latter.

Finally, according to Mr. Katzenbach, it is his recollection that no bug or other form of electronic surveillance of Mrs. Oswald was ever authorized. Indeed, he is inclined to the belief that the FBI did nothing but the phone tap as heretofore described.

cc: The Attorney General

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